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1951 COMBINED ISRAEL AND J.D.C. APPEAL TO BE LAUNCHED WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 11

\$200,000 BUDGET SET FOR "NOW OR NEVER" NEEDS

NAMED CHAIRMAN OF 1951 COMBINED APPEAL



Lawrence Freiman

Lawrence Freiman, Honorary President of the Vaad Ha'Ir, and leader in civic and communal life has accepted the chairmanship of the 1951 Combined Israel and J.D.C. Appeal which seeks to raise \$200,000 in Ottawa to help meet urgent needs in Israel, Europe and North Africa.

Asserting that "the Jewish Community of Ottawa can be rightfully proud of the tremendous achievements it helped make possible in recent years in Israel," Mr. Freiman emphasized that "the great tasks of rescue and reconstruction of hundreds of thousands of distressed Jews are far from completed. They call for action now before time runs out."

Touching on the situation of Jews living in Moslem countries, particularly in the squalid ghettos of North Africa, Mr. Freiman stressed that "for tens of thousands of Jews in these areas immediate resettlement in Israel is a matter of life or death."

Mr. Freiman continued: "For the 200,000 Jewish men, women and children who must be brought to Israel this year, as well as for the tens of thou-

sands of newly-arrived immigrants in Israel still living in makeshift tents, this has become a 'now or never' year. Jews who have a chance to leave Roumania and Iraq must leave now. Meanwhile, immigrants in Israel cannot go on living in tents indefinitely. These newcomers must have roofs over their heads, they must be afforded an opportunity to work and build; they must, in short, be helped to rebuild their shattered lives in Israel—the only outpost of democracy in the entire Near East."

In conclusion, he said: "I am confident that the momentum that has carried us this far will be sustained in the forthcoming campaign, and that every member of the community will recognize and live up to the tremendous responsibilities that confront us."

1951 CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Chairman: Lawrence Freiman. Vice-Chairmen: Samuel Berger, K.C., Hyman Bessin, Alex Betcherman, Gordon Caplan. Treasurer: Abraham Shaffer. Honorary Secretary: S. A. Kronick. Co-Captains of Teams: L. S. Greenberg, M. Betcherman. Chairmen of Committees: Arrangements: A. L. Achbar, I. Stone; Publicity: Milton Shaffer; Speakers: A. H. Lieff, K.C.; Youth Division: S. I. Wechsler. Honorary Advisory Committee: Rabbi E. L. Lifschutz, Rabbi M. D. Margolis, Rabbi B. Kravetz, M. Addleman, B. M. Alexander, Mrs. B. M. Alexandor, Mrs. H. Bessin, A. D. Betcherman, A. Bookman, Mrs. A. Brunberg, S. Caplan, Mrs. A. H. Coplan, L. Coplan, D. Epstein, H. Fine, J. Freedman, E. M. Glatt, Mrs. A. M. Goldman, H. Gould, S. Lepofsky, K.C., M. K. Levinson, Mrs. Morris Levinson, M. Levitan, B. I. Loeb, S. Miller, D. Mirsky, B. Palef, L. Petegorsky, Mrs. S. J. Ritt, H. S. Roodman, Mrs. H. S. Roodman, T. Sachs, S. Saslove, M. Shabinsky, J. H. Shenkman, H. Shinder, J. Snow, H. Soloway, S. Spevak, J. H. Vineberg, B. Weiss, M. Zagerman, D. Zelikovitz, N. Zelikovitz, S. Zelikovitz. Executive Director: Hy Hochberg.

Ottawa's 1951 Combined Israel and J.D.C. Appeal will be inaugurated with a dinner meeting at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on Wednesday evening, April 11. At time of going to press, negotiations are under way for an outstanding guest speaker, whose name will be announced shortly.

5 Campaigns in One

For the first time in the history of Ottawa's Jewish Community, five overseas campaigns operated independently in past years have combined to make one all-out effort to raise sufficient funds for the large-scale immigration, settlement and rehabilitation programs of the beneficiary agencies. These are the United Israel Appeal and Youth Aliyah Campaign, the Joint Distribution Committee Campaign (which includes allotments to the United Jewish Relief Agencies of Canada, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society and Overseas Mo'Oss Chittim), Mizrahi Israel Appeal, Jewish National Fund Campaign and the American Fund for Israel Institutions. To meet the "Now or Never" needs of these agencies, a minimum objective of \$200,000. has been set for this community.

What Must Be Done in 1951

During the year 1951, Jews in the free countries of the world must:

1. Rescue 200,000 immigrants from Europe and the Moslem countries and bring them to Israel.

2. Provide vast assistance for the rehabilitation and resettlement of newcomers in Israel so that they may become self-reliant citizens.

3. Provide for the establishment of 120 new agricultural settlements in Israel and finance the construction of rural housing units for 40,000 newcomers.

4. Furnish food, clothing, medical supplies and other basic necessities to 400,000 needy Jews in North Africa and Europe.

5. Resettle in Canada and in other western democracies a total of 25,000 displaced Jews from Europe.

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BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT

On the outskirts of Teheran tonight, Jewish families will sleep in a Jewish cemetery. Here they will find rest, and they will pray that the planes will come tomorrow to take them to Israel.

It is a macabre picture this. Of course not all the displaced, homeless Jews in Eastern Europe and Arab countries are using a tombstone for a pillow these rights. No, but in Baghdad, many must sleep in the city streets, and in many other areas hundreds of thousands sleep the uneasy sleep of the anxiety-ridden, the dispossessed and the hungry. What is to become of them—especially the 200,000 who pray that they will go to Israel this year? Their only hope is that we, their brothers in America, have not become callous to their plight, or tired of hearing their troubles.

This year, when an emergency confronts the whole world, it is up to us to consider the crying needs of the homeless and the helpless who wait with time breathing down their necks like an evil pursuer.

Statistics do not tell their story. We read that "400,000 distressed Jews in Europe and Arab countries must receive food, medical help and rehabilitation aid in 1951." We read such statements but they do not convey the plight for the individuals who make up that mighty figure. Even the pictures do not tell it. Perhaps we have seen them too often.

But the hunger of a child in a North African slum, the mud in an Israel reception camp, are as real as last year's hunger or last year's mud. There is nothing novel about a sick child or an old man waiting for a bed in a hospital. But the pain is not less because we have read of it before.

The important thing is that we must act quickly to save them. This year, when an emergency confronts all free peoples, it is up to us to act in time to rescue the homeless, the helpless, the distressed, in many countries through the Combined Israel and J.D.C. Appeal.

A CALL TO CANADIAN JEWRY

The National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation to be held on March 25th and 26th in Montreal will be a momentous assembly of the leaders of Canadian Jewry. Its objective is to mobilize the Jews of this Country to assist in meeting the needs for immigration in Israel, overseas relief and rehabilitation. It has been our rare good fortune to be witness to the miraculous birth of Israel. It is just as much good fortune to be called on by the peoples of Israel and those from other lands beseeching the State of Israel to assist in the integration of a half million settlers. And how good is our fortune that every one of us in Canada is able to help.

The Canadian Jewish community takes pride in the contribution it has made in the constructive program of rehabilitation and resettlement of hundreds of thousands of Jews of Europe, North Africa and Asiatic lands. The Jews in this country derive inspiration from the historic accomplishment of the State of Israel in receiving and caring for more than 500,000 new immigrants in the thirty-two months since the establishment of its independence.

However, in the past year or so we have begun to take for granted the United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Relief Agencies campaigns. Perhaps we are emotionally spent after a hectic period when so much history has been crowded into so little time. Many have become apathetic. The task facing us today is to smash this apathy.

I believe that by taking counsel together and mapping a clear-cut and forthright plan of action, we can rouse Canadian Jews out of their momentary lethargy and enter a new stage of emotional vigour and energy that will evoke a sense of full responsibility in this emergency.

Primarily facing us is the three year program of bringing and settling 600,000 Jews in Israel. The world crisis gives a now or never urgency to our efforts. Operations to rescue Jews from countries with deadlines for immigration must be accelerated in 1951 through the settlement in Israel of a minimum of 200,000 Jews from Roumania, Iraq and Iran and North African lands.

Speaking of Israel's achievements, David Ben Gurion said recently—

"We had no choice; but only that, we had a vision. We fought with our backs to the wall but we fought for a great thing and we had to win. And those hundreds of thousands of Jews are being propelled to Israel from the countries where for centuries they had to endure misery because they had no choice. Now they have a vision of living — a vision of freedom."

We, too, must have such vision. Israel's problem is our problem.

Acting with the authority reposed in me by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Zionist organizations in Canada, the Canadian Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and the B'nai B'rith of Canada, I urge every responsible citizen to accept the challenge of meeting new and greater responsibilities by participating fully and eagerly in the Conference and the post-conference activities.

It is my hope that the Conference in March will give the sustained, unfaltering and bold leadership and direction that will inspire the Jews of Canada to embark upon a courageous program commensurate with the needs of this historic time.

SAMUEL BRONFMAN, Chairman,
*National Conference for Israel and
 Jewish Rehabilitation.*

If the funds do not arrive to build the 125 settlements and the housing units for 40,000 needed in Israel now, tomorrow it may be impossible to obtain the materials necessary to build those units. Even canvas for tents in the reception camps is a scarce item.

Meanwhile 50,000 in reception centers must be provided for, helped to take their place in Israel's economy, for more are coming.

We cannot afford to relax our efforts

or to become blasé about this job of rescue in the face of the time limits that make our help imperative now. We cannot put off our help until tomorrow when Iraq has set a deadline of May 30 for the emigration of Jews there, and when other countries have set similar deadlines to add to the troubles of homeless people.

We must finish the job of rescue, rehabilitation and relief. It is only half done. We cannot stop giving and caring until it is altogether done.

PURIM TO BE USHERED IN WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 21

FAST OF ESTHER OBSERVED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Purim (Feast of Lots) is observed on the 14th day of Adar II, coinciding this year with Wednesday evening, March 21 and Thursday, March 22.

On Wednesday evening, March 21, Mincha will commence at 6:00 p.m. in Congregations Adath Jeshurun, Agudath Achim, Machzikei Hadath and B'nai Jacob, followed by Maariv at 6:15 p.m. after which the "Megillah Esther" will be read. At the Agudath Israel Congregation, Evening Services will begin at 7:15 p.m., followed by the reading of the Megillah.

On Thursday morning, March 22, Services at Congregation Adath Jeshurun will be held at 7:30 a.m., at Congregations Agudath Achim and B'nai Jacob at 7:00 a.m., at Congregation Machzikei Hadath at 6:45 a.m., and at Congregation Agudath Israel at 8:00 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

1. The outstanding Esther drama in world literature was written by Racine, the famous French classicist.
2. Hans Sachs, Goethe, and Grillparzer have written plays about Esther.
3. The most modern Esther version was written by Max Brod, one of the outstanding Jewish writers of our generation.
4. Handel, Carissimi, and Charpentier composed Esther oratorios.
5. Among the artists who have portrayed the Book of Esther on canvas are Rembrandt, Rubens and Menescardi.
6. In the Louvre in Paris, and in the Castle of Versailles are found the famous "Esther" Gobelin tapestries.

PURIM JINGLE

Put on your costume
Join the parade
And skip round and round
In our grand masquerade.

Up with the curtain
Don't take all day!
Strike up the music
For our Purim Play!

Right at the moment
That Haman appears
He is greeted by sounds
Of hisses and jeers.

If I had my gregger
I'd swing it all here
As I did when we read
The Megillah last year.

My but I'm hungry
The show was sure fine
Now for hamantaschen
I'll be first in the line!!

Tamar Grand.

PURIM IN IRAN

Jews in Iran, Persia consider themselves the great, great grandchildren of Mordecai and Queen Esther.

Weeks before Purim, groups of children gather rags and make a big figure of Haman. Each feels it a mitzvah to have a part in the making of Haman. Groups of children make different parts of the body and then get together to assemble the body. The children drag the rag-stuffed Haman to the synagogue courtyard, where they dress him up with sword, Persian hat and officer's coat.

Each child writes for himself the whole Megillah in his best script, a task which takes many, many days. For weeks in advance the air is festive with the coming Purim holiday. Jewish shops feature sweets, goodies and firecrackers for "getting even" with Haman.

Every Jew from the age of seven fasts on the day before Purim. To them it is a second Yom Kippur.

As the sun sets, young and old stream toward the synagogue for the reading of the Megillah, taking with them packages of goodies in order to break their fast immediately after. The children take along their own Megillahs, and all sorts of firecrackers, cap guns and noise makers — the more the better.

The Jews in Persia sit on cushions on the floor of the synagogue, cross-legged fashion. When the cantor comes to the words "Vayithu et Haman al hoitz", "And Haman was hanged on the gallows", pandemonium lets loose. The children's Megillahs and the rag stuffed Haman are torn to bits.

As the assemblage leaves the synagogue, they look with glee at Haman hanging from the gallows. The figure of Haman is put on a burning pyre, and as it burns the children sing songs of praise about Mordecai and Queen Esther.

PURIM ODDITIES

1. Some Jews used to write the name of Haman on the soles of their shoes, and when the reader of the Megillah reached the word Haman, they stamped their feet "to beat the band."
2. As early as the 5th century the custom of burning Haman in effigy was in vogue.
3. Masquerading on Purim was first introduced among the Italian Jews about the close of the 15th century. From Italy this custom spread to all other countries.
4. The Purim story was partially re-enacted by Esterka, a legendary favourite of Casimir the Great, King of Poland in the 14th century. She was the daughter of a tailor and lived at Kazimierz. Under her influence, Casimir granted charters of protection for the Jews.

SISTERHOOD NEWS AND PURIM CELEBRATIONS

ADATH JESHURUN

The Purim meeting of the Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood was held on Wednesday afternoon, March 14 in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue. A Purim playlet entitled "Revolt of the Heroines" under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Wolfe was presented. The cast includes Misses Rhoda Torontow, Margo Freiman, Simone Bright, Merle Wallack and Helen Levinson.

This meeting was held in the form of a Jam Shower, proceeds of which were turned over as "Shalach Monos" to the Ottawa Day Nursery.

Members are asked to note that the Reading of the Megillah will be held at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday evening, March 21. A Purim treat will be given to each youngster present.

AGUDATH ACHIM

A general meeting of the Agudath Achim Sisterhood was held on February 14 at which time Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschutz delivered an enlightening address entitled "Kashruth in the Home."

On March 7, the Executive sponsored a Tea, proceeds of which were used to purchase candles to be shipped to the women of Israel.

The Annual Purim Party will be held on Saturday evening, March 24, in the Talmud Torah Auditorium for members and seatholders of the Congregation. A Purim playlet is now in rehearsal and plans are being made for a highly entertaining evening.

AGUDATH ISRAEL

Members of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend the Annual Purim Seudah to be held in the Synagogue Auditorium, Thursday evening, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

A Purim Concert and Masquerade for children of the Religious School will be held on Sunday morning, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. Parents are invited to be present.

HAMAN EPITAPH

Here lies Haman
As dead as can be:
He knew all the answers
But was stumped by a tree.

SUPPORT THE
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Y.P.L. MEETING

Sunday, March 18, at 8:30 p.m.
Agudath Israel Congregation

DAY SCHOOL PUPILS CELEBRATE HATCHALAT CHUMASH

In traditional and colorful style, the Day School pupils of Grade 2 celebrated Hatchalat Chumash (Beginning of Chumash Study) on Sunday afternoon, March 11 in the Auditorium of the Talmud Torah. The children chanted their prayers faultlessly and conducted the ceremony with an ease which evoked praise from the parents and friends who witnessed the event.

The Chairman of the Day School, Mr. A. L. Achbar paid tribute to the Principal, Rabbi B. Kravetz and the teaching staff of Miss Shirley Dunskey and Mrs. Benjamin Bauer. Mr. H. Shohet, Chairman of the Talmud Torah Board of Education also addressed the gathering.

Following closely the curriculum of similar Hebrew Day Schools, Rabbi Kravetz is directing the studies of the Ottawa school wherein children are comparatively advanced students of Hebrew as well as English. The periodic reports submitted by the Public School Inspector are most favorable and commend the teacher and pupils on the efficiency with which the English curriculum is carried out.

Small Torahs were presented to the children who participated in the Hatchalat Chumash. Refreshments were served to all children present.

DEFINE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AS JEWS

EDUCATORS AT CONFERENCE SET FORTH OBLIGATIONS OF COMMUNITY TO
HELP JEWISH YOUNGSTERS ACHIEVE "FULL SELF-REALIZATION"

At the January National Conference on Jewish Education, held in New York, under the sponsorship of the American Association for Jewish Education, "A Charter of the Rights of the Child" was adopted. The charter, which defines the special rights of the Jewish child as a Jew, emphasizes the Jewish Community Center as a source which helps provide the child with a Jewish environment in which he can strive for "full self-realization." These rights the Charter asserts are the obligations of the Jewish community to "make secure." The text, in brief, follows:

1. A continuing education which will provide the Jewish child with accurate knowledge and sympathetic understanding of the life, the labours, the ideals, the struggles and the achievements of the Jewish people from the beginnings of their history to the present day; and which will provide him with the opportunity to express his own personality in the perpetuation and development of the Jewish religio-cultural heritage.

2. An insight into what being a member of the Jewish community means for his own growth; a feeling that belonging to the community, participating in its works and ways and contributing to its culture and ideals, enhances his freedom as an individual; an understanding of his oneness with his fellow Jews in the United States and Canada, in Israel and in every corner of the world.

3. An environment, in home, school, synagogue, center, and in every association where he will be understood and guided to full self-realization.

4. An upbringing that will strengthen him in commitment to democracy as the way of life most in accord with Jewish teaching, with the welfare of America and with the dignity of humanity, and that will realize in him a deep sense of kinship with all mankind.

5. A democratic community in which he can develop, and spiritual and professional training of the community's functionaries which will enable them to give the most devoted and effective service to the attainment of these ends.

TALMUD TORAH CELEBRATIONS

PURIM

Preparations are now under way for the Annual Talmud Torah Purim Celebration which will be held on Wednesday, March 21 in the school auditorium in the form of a Purim party and masquerade. Pupils of Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will gather at 5:00 p.m., and after the program will go to their respective Synagogues to hear the reading of the Megillah. Grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 pupils will begin their program at 8:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the most original costumes. Israeli songs and dances will follow and refreshments will be served by the Parent-Teacher's Association.

HATCHALAT CHUMASH

The traditional Hatchalat Chumash Celebration (beginning of Chumash Study) by Grade 2 pupils of both Central and James St. Branches will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Talmud Torah Auditorium. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

QUEEN ESTHER BALL

Young people in the community are cordially invited to attend the Queen Esther Ball to be held Sunday evening, March 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Recreation Center, King Edward Ave.

An interesting program of Purim plays and skits, dancing and novelty events has been arranged. During the evening, a Queen Esther will be crowned.

SPRING DAY CAMP

Plans are being formulated for a Spring Day Camp to be held during the afternoons of the week of March 25 to 30 inclusive, for children 9 to 13 years of age. Highlights of the program will be a number of interest tours, arts and crafts, music, games and movies. A small registration fee will be made to cover transportation and other incidentals. For registrations, call Mr. S. I. Wechsler at 3-0919.

YOUTH RECREATION CENTRE

The Youth Recreation Centre in the Vestry Rooms of the Adath Jeshurun Congregation is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday evenings from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m., and Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The Lisgar Collegiate gymnasium is used each Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The small gym is available to girls' groups while the main gymnasium is used for the Centre basketball league and athletic program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Pupils of the Sunday School will gather on Sunday morning, March 18, at 10:30 a.m., in the Histadrut Centre for their Annual Purim Celebration. An excellent program has been prepared by the staff under the supervision of Miss Bess Cardash. A Purim treat is being provided by the Parent's Group of which Mr. B. Lesh is president.

The staff is comprised of Misses Sally Landau, Clara Goldstein, Ruth Zagerman and Helen Altman. Miss Phyllis Fried is Secretary. Miss Evelyn Feldman is the pianist.

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CHEVRA KADISHA RESOLVES TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL CHAPEL

For years the Jewish Community of Ottawa has been talking and thinking about a Memorial Chapel. At the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Chevra Kadisha held recently, those plans were finally translated into action when a large assemblage of leading members of the community unanimously endorsed a proposal that the Chevra Kadisha increase its membership for the purpose of establishing a chapel in Ottawa as soon as possible. It is most encouraging to report that approximately \$25,000. was subscribed that evening alone. Since then an additional \$5,000. has been raised.

The active membership drive is being conducted by the Gaboyim, Rev. J. Rabin, Rev. S. Schreiber and Mr. O. Petigorsky, and the Executive Committee of the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha which is composed of Messrs. M. N. Drazin, M. Shulman, S. Spevak, J. Torontow and H. Weiss.

This important undertaking in our community is deserving of your earnest consideration and support. For further details contact any member of the Chevra Kadisha.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE VAAD HAKASHRUTH

The following kosher butcher shops are under the Hashgacha (supervision) of the Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth:

Cantor's Kosher Meat Market
470 St. Patrick Street.

Halison Kosher Meat Market
25 Nelson Street.

Ottawa Kosher Meat Market
81a Clarence Street.

All fresh meats, fowl and meat products such as smoked meats, frankfurters, salami, etc. served in any of our Synagogues or in the Histadrut Centre must be secured from any of the above-mentioned shops.

The following brands of supply are acceptable:

Chicago Kosher Sausage Co., Winnipeg, Manitoba, under the supervision of Rabbi Myer Schwartzman.

Greenspan's Kosher Sausage Factory, Toronto, Ontario, under the supervision of Rabbi Dr. David Ochs.

Rabbi Lifschutz should be consulted before purchasing any other brand.

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE VAAD HA'IR



SAMUEL BERGER, K.C., veteran civic and communal leader and prominent barrister who was unanimously re-elected President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir (Jewish Community Council of Ottawa) for the year 1951 at the Annual General Meeting of the Vaad held the latter part of December.

A complete list of the Officers and Committee Chairmen elected follow:

Honorary President: Lawrence Freiman. President: Samuel Berger, K.C. Vice Presidents: Hyman Gould, Moses Loeb (Deceased February 28, 1951); Solomon Zelikovitz. Treasurer: A. Bookman.

Committee Chairmen

Arbitration: E. M. Glatt; Authorization and Audit: I. Stone; Breakfast Club: L. S. Greenberg; Campaign: J. M. Snow; Cemetery: S. Caplan; Finance: M. N. Drazin; Ladies: Mrs. B. M. Alexandor; Public Relations: M. R. Freedman; Rabbinical: To be appointed; Synagogue-Centre: B. M. Alexandor, A. Betcherman, M. Zagerman; Talmud Torah Board: A. L. Achbar; Vaad Hakashruth: L. Petegorsky; Youth: Dr. A. Hurtig; Zionist: S. Lepofsky, K.C.

ALL EFFORTS DIRECTED TO EARLY OPENING OF SYNAGOGUE-CENTRE

The Officers of the Synagogue-Centre report that all efforts are being directed to an early announcement of a date for the formal opening of the building. Thus, while sub-contractors are completing the electrical, painting and carpentry work, a Furnishings Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. A. L. Achbar has prepared a complete scheme for the equipment of the building. This Committee has had the advice of interior decorators, catering experts and community centre officials from other cities, as well as the collaboration of the ladies of our community and our architects.

Work has also started on program planning for the centre and in this connection, our executive director, Hy Hochberg has visited institutions in New York, Toronto and Hamilton, and our director of youth activities, Samuel I. Wechsler is preparing a co-ordinated program of activities.

With the formation of a sub-committee to organize the formal opening and dedication of the building, the Officers feel that the community is entering the last lap toward realization of its goal.

CHUG IVRI TO HEAR OUTSTANDING POET AND AUTHOR

Zalman Snaier, one of the world's leading contemporary Hebrew poets and authors will address a public meeting sponsored by the Chug Ivri of Ottawa on Wednesday evening, April 4, at 8:30 p.m., in the Histadrut Centre. He will speak in Yiddish on the topic "Fifty Years of Hebrew Literature."

Mr. Snaier is presently on a tour of Canada under the auspices of the Keren Hatarbut (Hebrew Culture Fund of Canada).

Everyone is welcome.

Organizations wishing to include announcements in the next issue of the Bulletin are asked to note that all material must be handed in to the Office of the Vaad Ha'ir not later than Tuesday, April 3.

CAMP B'NAI B'RITH OF OTTAWA announces that

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

for boys and girls 8 to 14 years of age

JULY 1 - AUGUST 12

For further particulars contact Mrs. P. R. Robitaille,
207 Charlotte St., Telephone 4-2877.

REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

BOOK NOTES

by Deborah Lifschutz

THE GENTLEMAN AND THE JEW. By Maurice Samuel. Alfred Knopf Publishing Co. New York. \$4.25 325 pp.

Maurice Samuel, well-known by his earlier works ("You Gentiles", "I the Jew" and "The Great Hatred") for his challenging studies on Jews and Judaism in relation to christianity and western civilization, once more essays his choice thesis in his latest book "The Gentle and the Jew." This time however, he approaches his task with a profound conviction which stems from a well seasoned scholarly mind.

He begins his work by depicting the various stages of his personal intellectual development, i.e. his early religious training as a child in Roumania whence he came with his family to England at the age of five and his insatiable hunger to become saturated and identified with English culture. Having been subsequently disillusioned with the ethical code of "The Gentleman" which represents the highest expression of the British way of life, he yearns to find intellectual anchorage in the naturalist, humanist and socialist philosophies. They too fail to satisfy him. Finally, though torn away from the Judaism of his father by the outside world, he reapplies himself to Jewish studies and after a careful evaluation of the Bible he rediscovers for himself the satisfying spiritual ethic of Judaism in contradistinction to the glittering but none the less "vicious panorama of that which is known by the term "Western Civilization".

His are the experiences of so many Jewish intellectuals of this and the past several generations, who in their desire to identify themselves with the majority culture, have lost their Jewish moorings and allowed themselves willy-nilly to become engulfed as it were in a civilization neither their own nor superior to it.

So much for the first two parts of the book which the author entitles "The Pagans and I," and "The Ancient Records." In the third part, "Jew and Israel," Samuel critically examines the Zionist movement as a contemporary effort to give "new substantive expression to the Jewish(ethical) ideal." He disavows the jingoism displayed by the super nationalists of our times though appreciative of the heroic efforts of the Haganah as a temporary measure. Samuel believes that the ultimate purpose and destiny of the State of Israel is to make a functioning reality of prophetic idealism.

This book should be read—nay studied, by those who wish to be exercised by the large as well as the short range issues affecting Jewish life and thought.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations are extended to:

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Dubrofsky (nee Edith Brozovsky) who were married March 4, 1951 at the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hy Hochberg (nee Pauline Weiss) who were married December 26, 1950 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lobel (nee Beatrice Weiss) who were married December 26, 1950 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. David M. Marcus (nee Eileen Shirley Beiles) who were married December 3, 1950 at the Agudath Achim Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton N. Prager (nee Rhoda M. Cooper) who were married December 31, 1950 at the Agudath Israel Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Viner (nee Ruth Macy) who were married March 11, 1951 at the Agudath Israel Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wasserman (nee Sadie Halpern) who were married December 17, 1950 at the B'nai Jacob Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kleyman (nee Shirley Weltman) who were married December 24, 1950 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yankoo (nee Ann Ellenberg) who were married March 11, 1951 at the B'nai Jacob Congregation.

BAS MITZVAH

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wexler on the occasion of the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter Dorothy which was celebrated Friday evening, January 26, 1951 at the Agudath Israel Congregation.

ISRAEL LAUGHS. By Paul Steiner. Bloch Publishing Co. New York. 1950. 166 pp.

One of the criteria in judging a people is its humor—its ability to laugh at itself and at others. In Israel's most tragic hours her humor kept her spirits high and her mind alert. Here we have a volume filled with anecdotes and humorous tales of our own people in Israel, and assortment of laughs ranging from child to minister, from "Yekeh" or newcomer to British Commander, from tourist to men like Weizman, Ben Gurion and MacDonald.

A fine collection this is a good source of entertainment.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations are extended on the engagements of:

Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Achbar to Jack Ross Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper. Marriage to take place in August.

Esther, daughter of Mrs. Max Finklestein and the late Mr. Finklestein to Mervin Blostein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blostein. Marriage to take place in November.

Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kahan to Abe Mark Hochberg, son of Mrs. Yetta Hochberg and the late Mr. Nathan Hochberg. Marriage to take place in September.

Goldie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moses Kardish to Leon Noster of Montreal, Que., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Noster.

Eleanore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Namerow of Montreal, Que., to David A. R. Rabin, son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Rabin. Marriage to take place June 20 in Montreal.

Evelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rosenblatt to Archie Dutnoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dutnoff. Marriage to take place April 1.

Queenie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Sachs to Dr. Bernard Teichman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Teichman of Toronto, Ont. Marriage to take place March 25.

Zelda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Saslove to John J. Greenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Greenberg. Marriage to take place in November.

Sonya, daughter of Mrs. Mary Sinder to Morley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel B. Bodnoff. Marriage to take place in June.

CHALLENGE

Mildred R. Howland in The Atlantic Monthly

How shall we teach
A child to reach
Beyond himself and touch
The stars,
We who have stooped so much?

How shall we tell
A child to dwell
With honor, live and die
For truth,
We who have lived a lie?

How shall we say
To him, "The way
Of life is through the gate
Of love,"
We who have learned to hate?

How shall we dare
To teach him prayer
And turn him toward the way
Of faith,
We who no longer pray?

CHEVRA MISHNAYOS AND SHAAS OF CONG. ADATH JESHURUN HOLD ELECTIONS

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Chevra Mishnayos and Shaas of Congregation Adath Jeshurun was held on March 11 to celebrate the conclusion (Siyum) of tractate "Chulin". In bringing greetings on behalf of the Congregation, Mr. H. Gould and Mr. S. Caplan referred to the Chevra as one of the pillars of the Synagogue. Rabbi B. Kravetz delivered a discourse on the tractate. Rev. J. Rabin presided.

The results of election of officers for the coming year follow:

Gabbi Rishon: M. Appel; Gabbi Sheini: J. Golden; Gabbi Shlishi: M. Glatt; Treasurer: M. Lief; Secretary: H. Weiss; House Committee: I. Beiles, S. Feller, Y. Greenberg, and J. Toronto.

Rabbi B. Kravetz conducts the Chevra Shaas, while Mr. H. Weiss conducts the Chevra Mishnayos.

MACHZIKEI HADATH CHEVRA MISHNAYOS HOLD ELECTIONS

Over 150 members of the Chevra Mishnayos of Congregation Machzikei Hadath were present at the Annual Dinner held in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue.

Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschutz was the guest speaker of the evening. Mr. Saul Saslove presided.

In recognition of his valuable services to the Chevra Mishnayos, a pen and pencil set was presented to the Secretary, Mr. L. Gunner by Mr. I. Weiner.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Gabbi Rishon: H. Woodrow; Gabbi Sheini: H. Pleet; Treasurer: I. Nadler; Rec. and Fin. Secretary: L. Gunner.

HANOAR STUDY AND BREAKFAST CLUB REPORTS PROGRESS

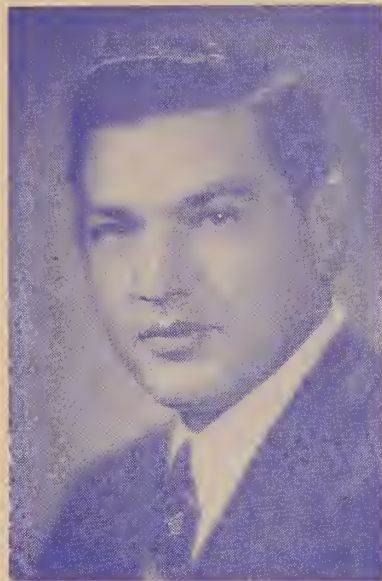
Between 25 and 30 young men are regular attendees at the weekly sessions of the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club held every Sunday morning, at 9:30 a.m., in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation, King Edward Ave.

Recent programs have included discussions on the meaning and significance of Tefillin, the Yeshiva University and the Jerusalem Post. A Purim program is being planned for March 18.

In addition to services, breakfast and an educational program, the members are enjoying an active athletic program under the supervision of Martin Tatz.

Boys of Bar-Mitzvah age and upward are invited to join in worship and good fellowship each Sunday morning.

APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VAAD HA'IR AND SYNAGOGUE-CENTRE



HY HOCHBERG, Executive Secretary of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir since September, 1946 whose appointment as Executive Director of the Vaad Ha'ir, the Synagogue-Centre and Combined Fund Raising was confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Vaad Ha'ir.

MATZOS AND PASSOVER GOODS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

Beckman Bros., 169 York St.
Cantor's Kosher Meat Market,
470 St. Patrick St.
Dain's Grocery, 408 Rideau Street.
R. Farber, 154 Friel Street.
E. Gershon, 228 Clarence Street.
Halison Kosher Meat Market,
25 Nelson Street.
J. Marcovitch, 83 Friel Street.
Ottawa Kosher Meat Market,
81A Clarence Street.
Sugarman's Fine Foods,
384 Rideau Street.
Imported Passover candy from
Israel is available at:
Zipman's Candy Shop,
311 Dalhousie Street.

TALMUD TORAH BOARD HOLDS ELECTIONS

At a General Meeting of the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board held January 4, the following officers were elected for the 1951 season:

Chairman: A. L. Achbar; Vice-Chairman: M. K. Levinson; Treasurer: A. Shaffer; Financial Secretary: A. Cohen; General Secretary: H. S. Roodman; Chairman, Board of Education: H. Shoihet.

KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS

"L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbos"

SCHEDULE

March 16	5:41 p.m.
March 23	6:00 p.m.
March 30	6:09 p.m.
April 6	6:18 p.m.
April 13	6:28 p.m.
April 20	6:36 p.m.

WEEKLY PORTIONS

March 17

Shabbat Zachor

Torah—"Vayikra"—Levit. 1:1-5:26;
Deut. 26:17-19).

Haftorah—I Samuel 15:2-34.

March 24

Torah—"Zav"—(Levit. 6:1-8:36).

Haftorah—Jeremiah 7:21-8:3; 9:22-23.

March 31

Shabbat Parah

Torah—"Shemini"—(Levit. 9:1-11:47;
Number 19:1-22).

Haftorah—Ezekiel 36:16-38.

April 7

Shabbat Hachodesh

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Torah—"Tazria"—(Levit. 12:1-13:59;
Numbers 28:9-15;

Exodus 12:1-20).

Haftorah—Ezekiel 45:16-18.

April 14

Shabbat Hagadol

Torah—"Mezora"—(Levit. 14:1-15:33)
Haftorah—Malachi 3:4-24.

(Passover — April 21 — 28 inclusive. First Seder — Friday evening, April 20. Memorial Services (Yizkor)—Saturday morning, April 28).

B'NAI B'RITH INSTALLATION AND INITIATION DINNER

B'NAI B'RITH OTTAWA LODGE No. 885
B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN'S CHAPTER NO. 421

SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 1, 1951 at 6:30 P.M.

AGUDATH ISRAEL AUDITORIUM
30 ROSEMOUNT AVENUE

Installation of Officers Initiation Entertainment
Tickets — \$3.00 per person available from any member of the
Executive of B'nai B'rith.

CRADLE ROLL

Baby son Jeffrey (Yitzchok) born November 24, 1950 in Montreal, Que., to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Abrahams (nee Enid Betcherman).

Baby son Leslie Neil (Leib Nisan) born January 26, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Boris Blacher (nee Dolly Ginsberg).

Baby daughter Corinne (Chava) born January 22, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Cantor (nee Esther Viner).

Baby son Gabriel born January 17, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cohen (nee Mina Dover).

Baby daughter Brenda Ann (Bassia Chana) born January 30, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfred Cohen (nee Rose Karon).

Baby son Michael Jonathan (Mordecai Yehonoson) born March 3, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. H. Maxwell Epstein (nee Joan Henkel).

Baby daughter Phyllis Babara (Feyga Brocho) born March 2, 1951 in Philadelphia, Pa. to Dr. and Mrs. Manuel N. Fineman (nee Myra Rill).

Baby son Lewis Michael (Eliezer Mordecai) born March 7, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Florence (nee Greta Kizell).

Baby daughter Susan (Sarah) born January 15, 1951 to Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gallay.

Baby son Edward Philip (Isor Fyvel) born December 19, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gavsie.

Baby son Elliott Paul (Elchanan Pesach) born February 13, 1951 to Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Goldstein (nee Ethel Feldman).

Baby daughter Susan (Sarah Freyda) born December 8, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldstein (nee Malca Slone).

Baby daughter Adele Shirley (Aidel Sarah) born February 10, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldstein (nee Miriam Dubrow).

Baby son Michael David (Moshe David) born November 23, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goodman (nee Sarah Mayberger).

Baby son Howard Neil (Chaim Nossion) born February 27, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Greenberg (nee Bertha Nathanson).

Baby son Joel Sheldon (Yaakov Shikah) born January 9, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Greenberg (nee Ruth Saslove).

Baby son Howard Joel (Hirsch Yaakov) born February 24, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Greenberg (nee Jennie Cohen).

Baby daughter Karen Gay (Kreintze Gittel) born January 5, 1951 in Toronto, Ont. to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hirst (nee Sonia Cooper).

Baby son Howard Warren (Chaim Wolf) born January 20, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Kaiman (nee Esther Herman).

Baby son Michael Steven (Michel Shimeon) born December 4, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Krugel (nee Gloria Ross).

Baby daughter Sandra Diane (Sarah Tziye) born December 30, 1950 in Summerside, P.E.I. to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Levitin (nee Miriam Feinstein).

Baby son Jack Nathan (Yaakov Nachum) born February 16, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lightstone (nee Ethyl Shinder).

Baby daughter Jill Sheryl born January 10, 1951 in Regina, Sask. to Dr. and Mrs. Alex Mintz (nee Mildred Bodnoff).

Baby son Michael Richard (Avrum Moshe) born January 31, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Mirsky (nee Barbara Martin).

Baby son Benjamin born December 4, 1950 in St. Paul, Minn. to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rischall (nee Ruth Agulnik).

Baby daughter Corinne Rhoda (Kroina Reizel) born January 13, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rothman (nee Ruth Parnass).

Baby son David Aaron born February 25, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sadavoy (nee Esther Pleet).

Baby son Brian Wayne (Benjamin Zev) born January 31, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Syd Schechter (nee Shirley Starker).

Baby daughter Rachelle Lynda (Rachael Leah) born February 22, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Al Segal (nee Betty Fine).

Baby son William Jay (Zev) born December 24, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Shenkman (nee Belle Gubler).

Baby daughter Eleanor Arleen (Yehudith) born March 5, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steinberg (nee Joyce Litwin).

Baby daughter Barbara Ann (Zeporah Chana) born December 5, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Torontow (nee Pearl Tanzer).

Baby son David Stanley (David Shmuel) born January 26, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vinokur (nee Lillian Elizabeth Rabinovitch).

Baby son Stephen Howard (Shaia Chaim) born February 26, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Waxman (nee Gertrude Landsman).

Baby daughter Patricia Lynn (Pesha Leah) born January 12, 1951 in Washington, D.C. to Wing Commander and Mrs. William Weiser.

Baby daughter Mardi Lou (Malca Leah) born January 11, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weltman (nee Sally Bogdonov).

Baby daughter Bryna Lee (Brocho Liba) born January 22, 1951 in Hollywood, Calif. to Dr. and Mrs. Major Winestock (nee Ida Ginsberg).

Baby son Michael David (Mendel David) born February 26, 1951 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Morris D. Zuckerman (nee Rene Schwartz).

B'NAI MITZVAH

Congratulations are extended on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of:

Melvyn Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker, whose Bar-Mitzvah was celebrated on Saturday morning, December 23, 1950 at the Agudath Israel Congregation.

Stephen Morley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shore, whose Bar-Mitzvah was celebrated on Saturday morning, January 20, 1951 at the B'nai Jacob Congregation.

Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Steinberg, whose Bar-Mitzvah was celebrated on Saturday morning, February 10, 1951 at the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

Joel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clenman, whose Bar-Mitzvah was celebrated on Saturday morning, February 17, 1951 at the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cogan, whose Bar-Mitzvah was celebrated on Saturday morning, February 24, 1951 at the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

David Philip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shoihet, whose Bar-Mitzvah will be celebrated on Saturday morning, March 17 at the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

SADNESS

The community extends its condolences to the families of the late:

Abraham Cowan
Abraham Fogel
Pessia Geneher
Fanny Herman
Moses Loeb
Bessie Maser
Israel Julius Nayfaeh
Ephraim Pearlman
Jacob Saslove

May their memory be a blessing.
May the Almighty comfort their loved ones.